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SUBJECT: THIS IS IR 6 800 0075 79 (U)
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1. (U) COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN (AF)/USSR (UR)
2. (U) REPORT NUMBER: 6 800 0075 79
3. (U) TITLE: SOVIET AIRLIFT TO KABUL (U)
4. (U) PROJECT NUMBER: NA
5. (U) DATE OF INFO: 791226
6. (U) DATE OF REPORT: 791226
7. (U) DATE & PLACE OF ACQ: 791226 KABUL, AF

10. (U) ORIGINATOR: USDAO KABUL
11. (U) REQUEST EVAL: NO

16. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: REPORTS PROVIDES INFORMATION
KNOWN AS OF 1400 HRS LOCAL, 26 DEC 79, CONCERNING A MASSIVE
SOVIET AIRLIFT OPERATION INTO KABUL AF.

22. [REDACTED] §35-8) :

1. [REDACTED] ON 25 DEC 79, AT APPROXIMATELY 0500 HRS
LOCAL, LARGE NUMBERS OF SOVIET TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT BEGAN LANDING
AT THE KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD. AS OF 1400 HOURS, 26 DEC,
AN ESTIMATED 200 FLIGHTS HAVE ARRIVED AND DEPARTED. THOUGH A
LARGE MAJORITY OF THE AIRCRAFT SEEN ARE AN-12 (CUB), THERE ARE
ALSO AN-22 (COCK), TU-134 (CRUSTY) AND REPORTEDLY IL-76 (CANDID)
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION. AIRCRAFT APPEAR TO
BE MAINTAINING A PATTERN OF LANDING IN GROUPS OF THREE'S,
UNLOADING THEIR CARGOS, AND IMMEDIATELY TAKING OFF AGAIN.

2. [REDACTED] AIRLIFT EFFORTS ARE TRANSPORTING BOTH
TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT INTO KABUL AIRPORT. SOVIET TROOPS DRESSED
IN BOTH COMBAT FATIGUES AND THE WINTER HAT/OVERCOAT HAVE BEEN
IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] AN ESTIMATED
800 TROOPS ARE NOW AT THE KABUL AIRPORT.

[REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 30 SOVIET HALF-TRACKED
SQUAD CARRIERS (UNIDENTIFIED AS TO TYPE) AND 4-5 BMD'S.

3. [REDACTED] IT APPEARS THAT TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT
ARE BEING MASSED AT THE SOUTH END OF THE RUNWAY. AS MANY AS
SIX TO SEVEN AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE SKIES OVER KABUL
AT ONE TIME, AND THE AIRLIFT OPERATION IS CONTINUING.